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Hating Matters.

Pamphlet copies of the proceedings of the International Trade Association of Hat Finishers have just been issued to the trade. Steps were taken to bring about a national alliance between the Finishers and Makers' Associations, in order to promote the efficiency of the union label in preventing the sale of non-union goods. The name of the association was changed from the International Hat Finishers' Association to the one given above.

The convention deferred action upon the matter of recognizing the cards of foreign hating organizations. It recommended that trimmers' associations be formed in all districts. Another standing resolution of interest was adopted as follows:

"No journeyman shall go to work before 7 o'clock A. M., nor work after 6 o'clock P. M. In cases of emergency or when the work is greatly behind the manufacturer can state the case to the Shop Committee or the shop's crew, and if in their judgment it is necessary for the men to work before 7 A. M. or after 6 P. M., then permission may be granted to do so. If the benches in any department that is behind in the work are not all occupied, then no permission shall be granted to men to work extra hours. A fine of ten dollars shall be imposed on any person violating this law. Any failing to report it shall be subject to the same fine. The above shall not apply to packing rooms."

Secretary Phillips reported that in the six months ending May 1st, he had received \$2,750.70 from assessments, dues, fees, etc. Nothing was received from Orange or Bloomfield upon the label assessment. The convention cost \$2,893.50, all of which was paid to delegates for loss of time and car fare. In the six months \$600 was spent for labels and 5,537,000 union labels were distributed, Orange getting 800,000. Thomas Culley was the only apprentice registered in Orange in that period. A total of 4,086 journeymen and 452 apprentices were reported in all the districts, Orange being second largest, with 770 journeymen and 106 apprentices, an increase of 148 journeymen and a decrease of 15 apprentices since the last report.

A Bloomfield Woman's Nerve.

Mr. Day, the ice-cream man of Bloomfield, while on his way to Pine Brook, Wednesday evening about 7 P. M., escaped what might have been a serious accident. While passing the church, a part of the harness or neck yoke became disarranged. He was driving a pair of mustangs. The one on the near side began to plunge fearfully. It was with considerable difficulty that the horse was quieted, so as to be able to tie up the broken harness. After this was done he started on his journey, when the same thing happened again. This time the vicious beast tripped and fell across the tongue of the wagon, which was partly broken.

The racket quickly drew together a number of the citizens. The majority were like the writer; they concluded that distance lent enchantment to the view. Just at the critical time Mr. Howland, the expressman, appeared on the scene. He took in the situation at a glance. He seemed to know just what to do and how to do it. After wrapping the tongue and fixing up the harness again, Mr. Day proceeded on his way. The strangest part of all this was that Mrs. Day sat in the front of the wagon all the time this circus was going on, apparently as calm as a spring morning. Her nerve was the subject of remark by all onlookers.—*Caldwell News.*

Wheeling Notes.

At a meeting held on Monday evening last the Bloomfield Cyclers adopted a uniform to consist of blue coat, white sweater or shirt, buckskin cap, and blue trousers. Colyer & Co. of Newark have received the contract for making the suits. Oakes & Co.'s cloth is to be used. This afternoon's run of the Bloomfield Cyclers will be to Rutherford, where the wheelmen of that town will give a lawn concert.

Several local wheelmen will this morning start on a five days' tour through northern New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York.

The Bloomfield Cyclers will probably make a lantern parade during the early part of September.

Labor Day's run to Slootaburg, N. Y., will be one of the best of the season, and it is expected that the full membership of the club will participate.

Spragg's Pavilion has been engaged as the permanent headquarters of the Bloomfield Cyclers.

While your son is growing is the time to train both body and mind—military tactics, the "setting-up drill" and gymnastic instruction will develop a healthy body and give to a boy a graceful carriage. Thorough scholastic instruction will prepare him for college or business. This is the kind of work done in the Montclair Military Academy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A Republican Replies to "Breadwinner" and "J. Felix."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: There is a close and intimate connection between the brain and the stomach, and the one is greatly influenced by the other; so that if the stomach is kept in good condition, and the digestive organs are in proper working order, it will be found that the brain work all right too, and the owner of the brain and stomach will be capable of seeing things as they actually exist, and of shedding sunlight instead of gloom around him. If, on the other hand, a man is a dyspeptic, if everything he eats distresses him, and he is incapable of enjoying the good things of life, his brain becomes distorted, he looks on the dark side of things, he becomes a perpetual growler, and after boring his friends with his pessimistic views, he seeks a wider field, and writes letters to the newspapers like those which have been appearing lately in THE CITIZEN signed "Breadwinner."

He takes it for granted, because he is miserable and discontented, that there is "universal discontent, and unrest, and a foreboding of evil everywhere," when the fact is that these dire woes exist only in his stomach, and the rest of the country is all right. Taken as a whole, the country was never before so prosperous as now, nor the condition and prospects of the working people so bright. Let's see what he says. Before the war "there was absolutely no discontent anywhere." What a heaven this country must have been! One of the worst periods of depression the country ever knew occurred shortly before the war, and I am told it was caused by a trial of the present Democratic hobby of free trade. How did "breadwinners" live before the war? I have heard my father tell time and again how he was receiving eleven dollars a week when he was married in 1848, and was quite proud of it, because that was several dollars above the average wages paid in the same business. Since then his wages have so increased that he has had what would have been considered the income of a wealthy man before the war. He lived, as did all wage-workers at that time, in hired rooms, neatly but scantily furnished, and enjoyed very few luxuries. Such a thing as a workingman attempting to own his own home was never heard of then. How is it now? The young men of to-day begin where their fathers left off. They buy a nice little cottage in the suburbs, furnish it in the parlor with nice plush furniture, a piano in one corner and a handsome bookcase in the other, and in the dining-room a buffet, if you please, oak set of furniture, etc., and the rest of the house in keeping. You can see it all around you, Mr. Breadwinner, right here in Bloomfield. I can tell you of three young men here in town, all working at trades, and not receiving magnificent wages either, who have just moved into houses built by themselves. I am a wage-worker too, and am buying the house I live in, and hope to have it paid for before I die; and I should not be surprised to learn that you could say the same thing, as it seems to be quite the fashion for breadwinners here in town to be homeowners too.

"Never so hard to earn a dollar!" Why, my friend, it was never so easy to make money as now for a young man with brains and push. I could name instances enough to prove this conclusively, but it would make my letter altogether too long. I know one young man, however, here in town who came here five or six years ago with hardly a dollar, and now owns a handsome home, rides in his carriage, and is fast becoming wealthy. Why, this is the age of young men. You find them in Congress, in business, at the bar, presidents of colleges, making big wages in trades, everywhere doing well. And as for young women, when, in the history of this or any other country, have they had the same opportunity of making a living that they have now? Nearly all trades are open to them, and they are working on an equality with the men. You may find them as typewriters, stenographers, typewriters, cashiers, bookkeepers, storekeepers, etc., etc., and earning as good wages as the men in the same business. Go to, go to, Mr. Breadwinner; if you had been a breadwinner as well, and not dined so often on lobster-salad and other nightmare-provoking dishes, you would be able to see these things, and not only the infinitesimal amount of misery that exists in this vast country of about sixty-five millions of people.

How do the following facts strike our tariff-reform, free-trade friends? The factories at Gloversville, Johnstown, and neighboring towns in New York State, where the bulk of the glove-manufacturing in the country is done, since the passage of the McKinley Bill have been working on full time, when before they were often shut down for lack of work, and wages have been increased in every department—all owing to the awful tariff. A new lace factory has been established at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; a new linen factory at Albany, Wis.; a velvet plant enlarged at Stonington, Conn.; a large woollen mill completed at Camden, N. J.; now cotton factories in Fayetteville, N. C., Columbia, S. C., and Brunswick, Ga.; a woollen company organized at Jefferson, Mo.; a hosiery plant at Wilmington, Del.; an extension of a clothing mill in Collins-

ville, Mass., and the erection of a new yarn-factory in Pawtucket, R. I., and of a knitting company in Chicago—a few of the evil effects of the passage of the McKinley Bill.

My letter was long, but, Mr. J. Felix, during the war, but he has remained so, as also have his sons, and they have always voted the Republican ticket in national elections, and have never regretted it. A party that will carry a country successfully through a bloody war, and then through the period of reconstruction, and by wise legislation keep it as prosperous as it is, is good enough for them. And there are more than enough others who feel the same way to re-elect President Harrison by a big majority. And, gentlemen, if you really care for the welfare of the country, I'd advise you both to come in out of the cold before it is too late.

By the by, when a Democratic reference to the Bill Congress is seen nowadays, in face of the fact that the penny Democratic Congress exceeded the appropriations of the Bill Republican Congress by several millions, it is provocative of a very broad smile on the faces of Republicans, and the refined remark of the great Democratic Governor of New York seems most appropriate—"Rats!"

BLOOMFIELD, August 16.

Fire-Alarm Poles.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: The progressive spirit of the age with its demand for all kinds of modern improvements seems to have suddenly left that portion of our township known as Glen Ridge. The Township Committee of this year, with its unparalleled liberality towards that section, concluded to give them additional protection from fire by locating a fire-alarm box on the corner of Hillside Avenue and Clark Street. This was done some two months ago, without a word of objection from the people of that section, but as soon as the poles are about to be erected the property owners suddenly discovered that great and irreparable damage was about to be done to their property by the extension of the fire-alarm service, and refused permission for the same. In view of the fact that Glen Ridge has only two fire-alarm boxes in its entire territory, one located at the corner of Ridgewood and Bloomfield Avenues, and the other at the corner of Hillside Avenue and Washington Street, renders this action on the part of the people of that section all the more absurd. The Township Committee last Monday, on the report of the Chairman of the Fire Committee of his inability to obtain the consent of the property owners on Clark Street for the erection of fire poles, concluded very wisely to place the box elsewhere in the township where protection from fire would be more appreciated. The law unquestionably gives the Township Committee the right to use the streets of the township for any public purposes, and if they saw fit to proceed and erect the necessary poles for the extension of the fire-alarm service in Glen Ridge, they had a perfect right to do so, but they decided rather than hurt the feelings of the property owners there, they would rather that they should be without fire protection.

Political Notes.

The sensation in political circles this week has been the comments over remarks alleged to have been made by William E. Moir, Secretary of the Young Men's Republican Club on the subject of tariff reform. Mr. Moir's alleged statements are said to have been uttered on board the boat on the day of the fireman's excursion to Long Island. He is reported as saying that he believed in tariff reform and that he was opposed to high protection. Mr. Moir's friends assert in his defense that he has been grossly misrepresented, and what he said on the subject of tariff was in perfect accord with the views of the great American statesman, James G. Blaine. The Young Men's Republican Club will not discipline Mr. Moir, nor do they find anything treasonable to Republicanism in his remarks.

The Democratic Congressional Convention for this district (the Fourth) will be held at Morristown on Tuesday, September 6th.

The date of the Republican State Convention for the nomination of a candidate for Governor has been fixed for September 15.

Licensing Engineers.

The question of licensing engineers is being so agitated in every State in the Union that within a short time, for the protection of human lives, it will be impossible for anyone intrusted with steam to hold or secure a position without passing a rigid examination and obtaining a license. Stephenson's Illustrated Practical Test has been published to aid engineers preparing to pass such examination; and as it embraces all the questions asked on the Boiler, Pump, Engine, Dynamo, Corliss Engine, etc., it has already met with such a demand that it is now in its fourth edition. This work, which only costs one dollar, can be obtained of the publisher, Walter G. Kraft, 70 La Salle Street, Chicago.

What Steamers Sailed.

The annual revenue of the new water plant at Madison is now established at \$2,800 and is increasing. Madison did a wise thing to own its own plant. Dayton pays over \$2,600 for hydrant service alone.—*Dover Era.*

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